

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claim 6, without prejudice, amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8, and add new claims 9 and 10 as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

**Claim 1 (currently amended):** A liquid fuel composition for an internal combustion engine having fuel delivery system parts formed of aluminum or an aluminum alloy, said liquid fuel composition[[.]] comprising N wt.% of an alcohol component of an aliphatic monohydric alcohol having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule or a mixture thereof, wherein N is 2 to 85 wt.%, and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component, said liquid fuel further containing an effective amount of a corrosion inhibitor for protecting the aluminum and aluminum alloy parts from corrosive reaction with said monohydric alcohol component of said fuel composition, when said parts are exposed to a temperature in the range of 80°C to 120°C, wherein said corrosion inhibitor comprises water in an amount corresponding to the larger of (a) 0.002×N wt.% or more, and (b) 0.1 wt.% of the resulting liquid fuel at least one compound selected from the group consisting of methanol, a glycol hydrocarbon, a ketone hydrocarbon, an ester hydrocarbon and an aldehyde hydrocarbon.

**Claim 2 (currently amended):** A liquid fuel composition for internal combustion engine having fuel delivery parts formed of aluminum or an aluminum alloy, said liquid fuel comprising 2 to 85 wt.% of an alcohol component of aliphatic monohydric alcohol having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule or a mixture thereof, and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component, said liquid fuel containing an aluminum corrosion inhibitor in an effective amount to inhibit corrosion of the aluminum or aluminum alloy parts [[at]] when said parts are exposed

to a temperature in the range of 80°C to 120°C, ~~[[ and]]~~ said ~~aluminum or aluminum alloy~~  
corrosion inhibitor comprising water, and at least one ~~member compound~~ selected from the  
group consisting of methanol, a glycol hydrocarbon, a ketone hydrocarbon, an ester  
hydrocarbon, and an aldehyde hydrocarbon.

**Claim 3 (cancelled)**

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** The liquid fuel composition according to claim 1,  
~~wherein~~ further including at least one kind of ether component ~~[[s]]~~ having not more than 12  
carbon atoms per molecule ~~and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in~~  
~~said liquid fuel.~~

**Claim 5 (currently amended):** The liquid fuel composition according to claim 2,  
~~wherein~~ further including at least one kind of ether component ~~[[s]]~~ having not more than 12  
carbon atoms per molecule ~~and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in~~  
~~said liquid fuel.~~

**Claim 6 (cancelled).**

**Claim 7 (currently amended):** A method of preventing corrosion of ~~[[an]]~~ aluminum or  
aluminum alloy ~~[[part]]~~ parts of a fuel delivery system of an internal combustion engine, caused  
by ~~wherein the fuel is~~ a synthetic liquid fuel containing an alcohol, ~~[[which]]~~ and the parts are  
exposed to a temperature in the range of 80°C to 120°C, wherein ~~comprises:~~

— providing as said liquid fuel comprises a liquid mixture comprising N wt.% of an  
aliphatic monohydric alcohol component having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule or a mixture  
thereof, wherein N is between 2 and 85 wt.%, and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component;  
said method comprising adding to said liquid fuel an effective amount of a corrosion inhibitor  
to prevent corrosive reaction of said monohydric alcohol and said aluminum or aluminum

alloy, wherein the corrosion inhibitor comprises a mixture of water to the liquid mixture to provide a water content in the liquid mixture of at least (a)  $0.002 \times N$  wt.% of the aliphatic monohydric alcohol component of the liquid mixture, and (b) 0.1 wt.% of the liquid fuel mixture; and

—supplying the liquid mixture as a liquid fuel for the internal combustion engine and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of methanol, a glycol hydrocarbon, a ketone hydrocarbon, an ester hydrocarbon and an aldehyde hydrocarbon.

**Claim 8 (currently amended):** The method of claim 7, wherein the liquid ~~mixture~~ fuel further comprises an ether having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule.

**Claim 9 (new):** A method of preventing corrosion of aluminum or aluminum alloy parts of a fuel delivery system of an internal combustion engine, wherein the fuel is a synthetic liquid fuel containing an alcohol, and the parts are exposed to a temperature in the range of 80°C to 120°C, wherein said liquid fuel comprises a liquid mixture comprising N wt.% of an aliphatic monohydric alcohol component having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule or a mixture thereof, wherein N is between 2 and 85 wt.%, and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component; said method comprising adding to said liquid fuel an effective amount of a corrosion inhibitor to prevent corrosive reaction of said monohydric alcohol and said aluminum or aluminum alloy, wherein the corrosion inhibitor comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of methanol, a glycol hydrocarbon, a ketone hydrocarbon, an ester hydrocarbon and an aldehyde hydrocarbon.

**Claim 10 (new):** The method of claim 9, wherein the liquid fuel further comprises an ether having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule.